GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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Cement Industry
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has fixed any target for production of cement in the country including Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details and the achievements thereof by different companies, State-wise;

(c) the amount of subsidy on per bag of cement provided by the Government to the cement industry along with other facilities including special rates of electricity, water and taxes being provided to the cement industry;

(d) whether the cement industry is controlling the market through cartelization leading to wide gap in the cement production and distribution cost and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government proposes to constitute a regulatory body for price fixation of cement and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): No subsidy is being provided by the Government of India to cement manufacturers.

(d): Ministry of Commerce and Industry does not deal with cartelization or manipulation of cement market. Such malpractices fall under the purview of Competition Commission of India (CCI).

(e): The Government does not propose to constitute a regulatory body for price fixation of cement. The control over price and distribution of cement has been removed since 1989. The Industry was further de-licenced in 1991 under the policy of economic liberalization. Cement has also been removed from the list of essential commodities. Thus, presently the price of cement is governed by the market forces of demand and supply.

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